

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

April 2012 – Week 1

Air Date: April 1 – April 7 (Sunday – Saturday)

TITLE: HONKY-TONK TEXAS

APRIL 1981 AND LET'S HONKY-TONK.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

APRIL 1, 1981. FORT WORTH. SPURRED BY THE NATIONAL CRAZE FOLLOWING THE FILM URBAN COWBOY, BILLY BOB'S TEXAS OPENS TODAY AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST HONKY-TONK.

NAMED AFTER OWNER BILLY BOB BARNETT, AN AGGIE AND PRO FOOTBALL PLAYER, THE CLUB HAS OVER 30 BARS AND CAN SEAT 6,000. WITH ALMOST THREE ACRES UNDER ROOF, IT EVEN HAS IT'S OWN INDOOR ARENA FOR BULL RIDING!

BUILT IN 1910 AS A CATTLE BARN FOR THE NEARBY STOCKYARDS, AIRPLANES WERE BUILT HERE DURING THE WAR.

TONIGHT, THE GATLIN BROTHERS PERFORM, FOLLOWED THAT WEEK BY WAYLON AND WILLIE.

DESPITE SETBACKS AND A BRIEF CLOSURE IN 1988, THE CLUB REMAINS A TEXAS LEGEND.

BILLY BOB'S TEXAS LEFT THE CHUTE 31 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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